

THE SPANISH CRISIS.

NOT BROUGHT ABOUT BY STATE OF CUBAN AFFAIRS

Ex-Communication of the Minister of Finance the Chief Cause—Speculation as to Political Complexion of the New Cabinet. Its Important Bearing Upon the Line of Policy of Our Government—A Sagasta Ministry Would Mean Much for Cuba

Washington, September 30.—Minister Woodford, up to the hour of closing the department today had not informed the state department of the Spanish cabinet crisis. The main point of interest here at present is the composition of the new cabinet and it is expected that Mr. Woodford will not neglect to obtain and cable to his government the earliest information possible on that point. In administration circles today opinions are fairly divided as to the outcome, whether the new cabinet will be liberal or conservative and as that is the matter of greatest importance to our government, as influencing the line of policy to be followed as to Cuba, there is a strong desire to obtain information as to the prospects.

The president had scarcely reached the White House this morning before Secretary Sherman called to see him. He was closely followed by Assistant Secretary Day, and although it is understood that the latter's visit had largely to do with state department appointments, it is not doubted that there was a discussion of the last Madrid developments.

In the absence of the Spanish minister, Mr. du Bose is the senior official here, but he has not called at the state department and has not, so far as can be learned, received official advice from Madrid.

Diplomats familiar with Spanish affairs say the conditions point to one of two results; namely, the complete collapse of the conservative regime, which has been responsible for the Cuban policy and its succession by a liberal cabinet with pacific and conciliatory tendencies toward Cuba, or else a transition ministry with Azcarraza again at the head as a temporary expedient to tide over affairs until the cortes can meet and a permanent and stable ministry be formed. Officials believe that a complete change of ministry and political parties, with Sagasta as the new leader, is the more probable.

It is stated with positiveness that American affairs did not bring on the crisis, but that it was due entirely to internal politics, of which the excommunication of Senor Navarro Reverter, minister of finance in the fallen cabinet, formed a part. This fact has been briefly mentioned in the cable dispatches, but the circumstances of the excommunication are more fully explained here. It appears that the minister of finance decided that the church property in an interior diocese should pay taxes as other property. This was opposed by the bishop, who claimed a church exemption, and excommunication of the minister for insisting. The case has now been appealed to Rome for final determination. In the meantime the excommunication of the minister stand and to some extent has its influence against the entire cabinet.

The feeling that Sagasta is to be the coming premier, either at once or after a transition ministry retires, leads to many favorable comments on his ability by those who know him personally. A leading American diplomat—one who has been conspicuous in Spanish-American affairs—said today that Sagasta's assumption of office undoubtedly would have an important and beneficial effect on the Cuban question and the relations between the United States and Spain. Sagasta is now 70 years old, but still retains the vigor that made him a national leader of the liberals in earlier days. Of all the Spanish statesmen, he is regarded as the one most friendly to this country.

PURE WATER

Lumbermen Taking Steps for a System of Artesian Wells for a Water Supply—Good Water From Flowing Wells at a Depth of 110 Feet.

Mayor E. K. Proctor, Jr., of Lumberton, came down to the city yesterday to make arrangements for putting in the system of waterworks for which his town voted a few months ago. Mr. J. H. McRee, the well known civil engineer of this city, will probably do the engineering work.

Mayor Proctor tells us that the contract for the waterworks will be given out this week and it is estimated that they will cost about \$12,000. The supply of water, for both domestic and fire purposes, is to be obtained from six artesian wells to be bored in a bunch. They will be four inch wells and it is proposed to concentrate the flow of the six wells into a six inch main. A flow of good pure water will probably be struck at a depth of 100 to 150 feet, and it is estimated that the flow of 500 gallons per minute will be secured. A tank and tower to contain 75,000 gallons of water will be erected near the wells and a pumping station will be put in to pump the water from the wells into the stand. The water will be conveyed in mains and pipes all over the town, and there will be sufficient pressure with out an engine in case of fire.

Mayor Proctor informed a Messenger representative yesterday afternoon that his town already has seven artesian wells in different parts of the town and they furnish an excellent quality of water which has been pronounced absolutely pure by the state agricultural department which has made assays. Good flowing water was struck in these seven wells at a depth of 110 feet. They cost \$1,000, and the town would not take ten times that amount for them.

Spanish Troops Recapture Victoria de Los Tunas

New York, October 2.—Senor Dupuy de Lome, Spanish minister, telegraphs from Mexico, that he has been officially informed by cable of the recapture of Victoria de Los Tunas by the Spanish troops. Senor de Lome is notified that this occurred on September 27th.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

The City Wins in One of the Back Tax Cases—Messrs. Sol. Bear & Co. Win in Their Suit Against the C. F. & Y. V. Railway.

Pursuant to adjournment for recess on Friday evening, the superior court met yesterday at 10 a. m.

The case of the city of Wilmington against Mrs. R. C. Stoller, for back taxes, amounting to \$418.50 was resumed, and argued. Judgment was rendered in favor of the city. The amount of taxes and interest at 8 per cent, and the bill of costs will amount to \$600 or \$650. The defendants took an appeal to the supreme court. Notice of appeal was waived and the appeal bond was fixed at \$25. Thirty days were allowed the defendants to make a statement of the case on appeal.

The case of Sol Bear & Co., against General John Gill, receiver of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway, was taken up and resulted in a judgment for the plaintiffs. The suit was for \$212.50 for a quantity of liquors destroyed in a depot on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway, which was destroyed by fire.

The case of the B. F. Mitchell company against C. M. Whitlock, was tried, and a verdict rendered in favor of the defendant.

The court at 6 p. m., took a recess till 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Wilmington Manufacturing Lamps

Messrs. Owen F. Love & Co., one of Wilmington's enterprising hardware houses, are engaged in a new enterprise, the manufacture of street and yard lamps. Last night one of the lamps of their manufacture was placed in the city hall yard and lighted, and it discounted the gas lamp which lights the entrance to the guardhouse. It is a vapor lamp and the light burns steadily, giving out a clear, brilliant and beautiful light.

These lamps are enclosed in a frame with glass panels and they are quite handsome. They are suitable for lighting streets and yards, and we predict that Messrs. Love & Co., will find that they will take well. They are economical burners, and to see them is only to be convinced of their merit.

Historic Ground

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Bedford Springs, Va., September 30. Bedford Alumn Springs is in Campbell county, near the line of Bedford, in view of the peaks of Otter. Mr. J. R. Mabon, the owner, is a ripe scholar and seems to feel a personal interest in his guests.

Mrs. Bessie Miller Oton, the distinguished reader, was a guest for the season. Here you meet the most delightful and congenial people and find yourself surrounded by true Virginia hospitality.

Near by is the old academy, the origin of Hampden Sydney college. 'Twas here Patrick Henry made his celebrated speech. The home of Jefferson before he occupied Monticello, is only a drive of four miles, and is now in an excellent state of preservation. Mr. Candler has driven the back from Lawyers' Road to the springs and never had passengers or baggage late for the train. Dickens alone could do justice to this worthy man. His subtle humor and his originality are unique, and his personal experiences told with many genial smiles completely annihilates the tedium of the journey.

Parties can be formed at the springs to visit the Peaks of Otter and Natural Bridge.

The grand nephew of Robert Burns lives near and has in his house many mementoes of that great poet.

At Alleghany, not far away, can be seen upon the old register, the signatures of Washington and Jefferson. The place abounds in history and interest. Some of the noblest and best people I ever knew, came from Danville, Lynchburg and surrounding points. I have stayed at Saratoga, Niagara Falls, Watkins Glen, St. Augustine, Palm Beach and many other places north and south, but never have I enjoyed any place more than my nine weeks stay at Bedford Alumn Springs. One morning the mountains were unusually beautiful, the scenery so calm and peaceful. In memory of it I wrote the following:

I greet again my native state,
And breathe its pure and healthful air;
I press once more its sacred soil—
Virginia, thou art fair!
This wonderful healing spring,
As it comes from its rocky bed,
Soothing the woes of the weary,
As the hungry oft are fed.
You mighty peaks in the distance,
Veiled ever in a mist of blue,
While the silvery clouds bend low,
As violets kissed with dew.
Oh, friends in the heated city!
Come to these quiet and peaceful shades,
Let the soft south wind fan they brow
As the daylight calmly fades.
Then wander off thro' the orchard,
And watch the glorious sun
Waning in purple and crimson,
And the shadows closing around.
It takes me so close to Heaven,
This vision of mountain and skies,
Till my soul is rapt in wonder
And lifted in sweet surprise.

MARY B. HEYER.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of E. C. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1896.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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Schooners Arrive at Port

Fernandina, Fla., October 2.—Arrived—Schooner Ida E. Latham, Lewis, Wilmington; schooner Edwin A. Gaskill, Smith, Wilmington.

An Old Story

The Richmond Dispatch prints a interesting version of the old story about the difficulty which occurred in the chamber of the confederate senate between William L. Yancey of Alabama, and Benjamin H. Hill of Georgia, February, 1864. Not many months after the encounter Yancey died, and it has been said that his death resulted from injuries received in the fight; that Hill threw him against a desk and injured his spine. According to the Dispatch, this was not possible, as they were twelve feet apart.

A bill for organizing the supreme court was under consideration in the senate. Yancey and Hill, both magnificent examples of debaters, discussing the question, became involved in a heated personal controversy. Yancey charged Hill with making wilful misstatements, to which Hill replied: "The remark that I made about your misstatements is false," and then took his seat. The Dispatch's story is as follows:

The senate went into secret session and transacted some official business. It continued, it seems, not in regular session, but in a sort of informal conference, when, without any motion on the subject, the controversy between Senators Hill and Yancey was taken into consideration. Senator R. W. Barnwell, of South Carolina, expressed the hope that the matter could and would be amicably adjusted. He intimated that Yancey had on a previous occasion, January 30th, given cause of offense to Hill, and urged Yancey to make the amende honorable to Hill. This Yancey declined, on the ground that he had done nothing for which he ought to apologize.

So far from doing so, until Yancey cut him short by saying: "After the manner in which he had been assailed by the senator from Georgia he had no option as to his course. He should stand upon occurrences as they had taken place, and not feel that it incumbent upon him to retract any part of his remarks upon Friday last, after what had occurred, he only regretted that he had not on that occasion used language of greater severity." Hill then addressed Yancey and demanded: "You had better then do so now." Yancey replied: "I have said all in that way that is consistent with my character as a gentleman to say." Hill then struck him with a glass inkstand (which had a metallic top) on the right cheek, just under the eye, and as he turned toward him Hill threw at him a heavy glass tumbler, which just missed him and was shivered into pieces against a window sash. Yancey, proclaiming that "it was a coward's blow," tried to get at Hill, who was about to turn and leave the chamber, but several senators interposed and the president called for the sergeant-at-arms and the combat was stopped. The senate afterward took jurisdiction of the affair.

A committee was appointed, which reported resolutions of censure of Yancey, and Hill was ordered to leave the chamber. Yancey made a formal protest against the report of the committee of the senate, who reconsidered their vote; the protest was read and then withdrawn. Thus the matter ended. It is said that both senators had reasons which restrained them from duelling.

The inkstand which struck Yancey was broken, and his collar, neck and bosom were soon covered with blood, so that the blow must have been very severe.

A Fire Fighting Dog

John Foley patted Mary affectionately on the head and remarked, "She's the greatest dog you ever saw. Eh, Mary? If a call should come in now she would be the first one to her post. When the fire gong rings Mary knows it means a run, and she stations herself under the wagon." Mary belongs to Captain Raja's squad, which is stationed on Poplar street, and she is as well thought of as any member of the squad, as Captain Raja has said many times. Mary has been in the fire service for about three years. Her mother, who was known by the name of Fannie, whose name she inherited, had of Mary saw about ten years' service on the fire department under Captain Raja, and she is still to be seen at the captain's headquarters. Fannie, the boys say, has retired from active life and is living on a pension.

Mary goes to every fire that the chemical responds to. In the time that she has been a member of the chemical squad she has had some exciting experiences and narrow escapes. She can climb a ladder almost as readily as any of the men, and whenever it is possible for her to be at their side, there she is. Not long since there was a fire on Market street. When the gong rang Mary took up her station under the wagon. She was the scene of the fire by the time the wagon got to the fire. The fire was in the garret of the building, and leading to this garret was a ladder. The firemen quickly ascended. This ladder, Mary was right there with them. When they got ready to leave they did so, but Mary was back. They missed her, and Captain Raja, along with several of his men started in search for her. They remembered that she was in the garret with them fighting the fire, and looked in there for her. There was Mary, scratching around in some old rubbish, looking for fire, and she had uncovered a spark or two, but with her feet she quickly extinguished them.

One of the most remarkable traits of Mary's character is her affection for her mother. Fannie is still endowed with the old time love of adventure and excitement, and brightens up when the alarm gong rings. But she no longer goes to fires. Mary is responsible for this fact. She had a hard time breaking her beloved parent of the habit of going to fires, but she finally did so. Even yet Fannie will get up and start out on a run with the wagon, but Mary drives her back. She drags her mother by a limb, and holds her, or runs in front of her, and barks until the elder dog returns. Then Mary joins the squad.

Both Mary and Fannie have developed the wonderful faculty of telling the difference between the exercise bell and the fire bell. At stated hours the gong rings for the horses to be let out of their stalls and to be hitched to the wagon. As though they were going to a fire. There is no difference between this ringing and the ringing of a fire alarm, but the dogs have learned to tell them apart. Mary will glance up at the indicator as though she was reading the number there, and if it is simply the exercise bell ringing she will not move.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

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The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chills, Coughs, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or hemorrhoids, if used as directed. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per bottle. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

Resurgam

"He winter morn of cheerless gray
Dawns slowly up the sky;
And in the cold, bleak light of day
The drifting snow wreaths lie.

And all green things are lost to sight
A weight of snow is on the ground
And down into the cold, dark night
The winter day doth go.

But 'mid the gloom of wintry skies
I see a vision fair
Of fresh Spring morn that brightly rise
With sweet and balmy air.

Even thus, most gracious Lord, amid
The gloom of death we see
Life everlasting safely hid
And garnered, Lord, in Thee.

—J. G. Howden in Chamber's Journal.

A Dangerous Character

(Chicago Post.)
"As sure as you live there's another man!" cried the girl in white delightedly, as a man with a valise came up the steps of the summer resort hotel.

The girl in the yachting suit looked at him intently for a minute and then shook her head earnestly.

"Don't go near him!" she exclaimed. "Don't let any one introduce him to you under any circumstances! Don't have anything to do with him at all!" "But there are thirty-eight girls and only five other men in the hotel," protested the girl in white. "We can't afford to let him go." "Well, you can't afford to have anything to do with him," persisted the girl in the yachting suit.

"What do you know about him?" "I know all about him. I met him in the mountains last summer, and I tell you he's dangerous."

"Dangerous!" exclaimed the girl in white scornfully. "He looks about as harmless as any one I ever saw."

"Well, he isn't," asserted the one in the yachting suit. "He's dangerous, and in addition to that, he's the biggest fool that ever put on a flannel tennis suit and went to the seashore."

"One of the kind that rocks the boat?"

Worse than that. He can't tell a summer flirtation from a case of gonorrhea. "Really?"

"Yes, indeed. That's what makes him dangerous. Why, what do you think he would do last year?"

"I'm sure I don't know." "He wanted to hold me to a summer resort engagement; actually wanted me to marry him just because I said I would one moonlight night up in the mountains; and couldn't understand it when I refused to recognize him after we got back to the city. Oh, he isn't a man to have anything to do with. He lacks experience."

The girl in white turned away with a sigh.

"It seems too bad to let any kind of a man escape," she said; "but, of course, a man who is absurd enough to look upon a summer resort engagement seriously might be very troublesome."

Color in Decoration

The following are a few examples of color which have proved successful in fairly large rooms:

For a drawing room—A wall paper of a light soft blue, faintly tinged with green, frieze to match the color, melting into white near the ceiling. A square carpet of blue-gray Wilton pile toning well with the paper, a parquet border round the room. Curtains of soft tawny brown brocade, held back by wide bands of the same material. Arm chairs, sofas, etc., upholstered in brocade, velvet, and tapestry, in pinks, soft browns, and any other subdued colors.

For a dining room—Wall paper in a bold conventional design, in shades of red, reds, browns, and blues, to tone with walls. Curtains of dark gray-blue tapestry, with large designs in reddish tints. Oak furniture upholstered in old fashioned tapestry, or mahogany, with red-brown leather.

For a bedroom—A paper with cream ground, with graceful baskets of roses of fawn and pinkish coloring. Carpet repeating the shades in a well covered pattern, in darker tones. Curtains in cretonne, cream ground, and either roses or carnations in natural colors, with foliage, lined with pink. Bed hangings and valances to match. Portieres in dull pink Roman satin. Furniture inlaid mahogany.

In furnishing and decorating remember the long months of winter, and avoid all dull, uninteresting tints; banish all strong, crude colors, but do not be afraid of occasional touches of scarlet.

Surely a wider interest in the intelligent use of color would be the means of beautifying many a home which is at present depressingly ugly.—Household Words.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is now a healthy man. It is such a relief, which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store.

A RELATIONSHIP DEFINED.

"Politics is a very curious institution," remarked the ball enthusiast.

"It gets very much mixed sometimes," his friend replied.

"Yes. There is wrangling between the parties and between the bosses inside the parties, and it's hard to tell just how anything is going to come out."

"But the voter never always gets the worst of it."

"Of course he does. The voter isn't anything but an umpire in the game."—Washington Star.

A Man Who is Tired

Scene I.—Mr. Johnson is obliged to give up work, remain in the house and take care of himself on account of a dreadful scrofula sore on one of his limbs.

Scene II.—Mr. Johnson reads a testimonial which tells of scrofula troubles cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. He resolves to try it, sends for a bottle and begins taking it.

Scene III.—Mr. Johnson has taken six bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla. His scrofula sore is cured. He is feeling stronger, has a good appetite and is able to attend to his work. He writes a testimonial telling of his experience with Hood's Sarsaparilla, and recommends it to others.

Bit Dike a Sucker

"It was on one of my early trips," said the conductor. "A well dressed man got on my car, and when I went to him for his fare he handed me a five dollar bill. I took the bill and examined it pretty close, as I always do with big bills. I didn't have any too much change, so I held the bill in my hand and said, 'Haven't you anything smaller?' The man said, 'I don't think so,' but he took the bill and crumpled it up in his hand while he searched through his pockets for smaller money. Then he shook his head and handed back the crumpled bill. I didn't look at it again, but stuck it in my pocket and counted out \$4.35 change. Well when I counted my money at the end of the run I found myself just \$4 short. Then I tumbled to the game. The sharper had evidently changed the five for a one while he was looking through his pockets, and I simply bit like a sucker. But, say, you can't bite a sucker again."—Philadelphia Record.

A Case of Incendiarism

"Some time ago," says an insurance man quoted in The Philadelphia Record, "a man asked me to accompany him home as he had some things there to be insured. When we arrived at his house he showed me a hundred boxes of cigars, which he wanted insured. There were 100 cigars in each box, making 10,000 in all, and were valued at 10 cents each, so I insured the lot of \$1,000. A few days ago the man came to me and asked for the insurance money. 'You've had no fire at your house,' I replied. 'No, but I've smoked them,' says he, 'and according to the paper, I am entitled to the money, as it reads distinctly that if goods are consumed by fire, money is paid on application.' As far as technicalities are concerned, he was all right, but I knocked him cold about a minute later by saying in a very stern manner: 'All right, sir, you'll get the money, but according to your own confession, I will proceed at once to make a charge against you for incendiarism.' 'Well, I'll be hanged!' was all he said, and the room shook violently after he banged the door."

"Americans," says The Philadelphia Record, "constitute 3 per cent. of the population of Hawaii, which it is needless to say, is hybrid. Only a dog of very mixed breed would be anxious to be wagged by such a comparatively small tail."

For Three Years He Suffered—Could Hardly Breathe at Night—One Nostril Closed for Ten Years.

Mr. A. M. Ramsey, of De Leon, Texas, was a sufferer from Catarrh of the nose. Truly, his description of his sufferings seem little short of marvelous. Instead of seeking his couch, glad for the night's coming, he went to it with terror, realizing that another long, weary, wakeful night and a struggle to breathe was before him.

DE LEON, TEXAS.
Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga.:—I have used nearly four bottles of P. P. P. I was afflicted from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet. Your P. P. P. has cured my difficulty of breathing, smothering, palpitation of the heart, and has relieved me of all pain. One nostril was closed for ten years, but now I can breathe through it readily.

I have not slept on either side for two years; in fact, I dreamed to see night come. Now I sleep soundly in any position I wish.

I am so years old, but expect soon to be able to take hold of the plow handles. I feel glad that I was lucky enough to get P. P. P., and I heartily recommend it to my friends and the public generally.

Yours respectfully,

A. M. RAMSEY.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, ss.

County of Comanche, ss.

Before the undersigned authority, on this day, personally appeared A. M. Ramsey, who, after being duly sworn, says on oath that the foregoing statement made by him relative to the virtues of P. P. P. medicine, is true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this August 4th, 1897.

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